

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 439.150, 450B.120, 450B.130, 450B.200 and 450B.900; § 2, NRS 450B.120, 450B.155, 450B.191 and 450B.195.

A REGULATION relating to emergency medical services; revising procedure governing the inspection of ambulances, air ambulances and agency's vehicles; revising requirements concerning the training of advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations governing the provision of emergency medical services in counties with a population of less than 700,000. (NRS 450B.060, 450B.120) Existing law requires a service that provides emergency medical services in such a county to obtain a permit from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle. (NRS 450B.200) Existing regulations require the Division to inspect or cause to be inspected each ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle after a permit is issued but before the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle is placed into service. (NAC 450B.640). **Section 1** of this regulation requires a service to request such an inspection at least 10 business days before placing an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle into service. **Section 1** provides that the Division may authorize a service to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle that has not been inspected for not more than 60 days if the service attests that the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle complies with applicable regulations. If the Division identifies a deficiency during the inspection of the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle, **section 1** authorizes the Division to order the service to remove the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle from service. **Section 1** further prescribes the conditions under which the service may bring the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle back into service. Finally, **section 1** removes obsolete references to past dates.

Existing law provides for the certification of emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics. (NRS 450B.1905, 450B.191, 450B.195) Existing regulations require a person to be certified as: (1) an emergency medical technician before receiving training for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician; and (2) an advanced emergency medical technician before receiving training for certification as a paramedic. (NAC 450B.720) **Section 2** of this regulation revises this requirement to authorize a certified emergency medical technician to receive training for certification as a paramedic.

Section 2 also provides that a person who is not certified as an emergency medical technician before the first day of training for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic is ineligible to be tested for such certification after completing the training.

Section 1. NAC 450B.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.640 1. The Division shall ~~inspect~~ :

(a) *Inspect* or have inspected every ambulance, air ambulance configured to be used for providing medical services or agency's vehicle to be used in a service after the issuance of a permit but , *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3*, before it is placed in service ~~it~~ ; and ~~shall determine~~

(b) *Determine* whether or not it complies with the requirements of this chapter.

2. *At least 10 business days before entering an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle into service, a service shall submit to the Division a request for an inspection of the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle, as applicable.*

3. *The Division may authorize a service to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle that has not been inspected for not more than 60 days if the service attests in the form prescribed by the Division that the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle complies with the requirements of this chapter. If the Division identifies any deficiency during the inspection, the Division may order the service to immediately remove the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle from service. The Division may authorize the service to enter the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle back into service if:*

(a) *The service corrects each deficiency identified in the inspection;*

(b) *The Division conducts a reinspection of the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle and verifies that the requirements of paragraph (a) have been met; and*

(c) *The service has paid all fees associated with the reinspection.*

4. After a permit is issued for the operation of an ambulance or air ambulance service, the Division shall, at least once a year, inspect or cause to be inspected every ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle operated in the service. After each inspection pursuant to NRS 450B.220 and this section, the inspector shall prepare a written report describing any violation of any provisions of this chapter with respect to the unit or aircraft inspected and shall schedule a date for reinspection after correction of the violation within 4 weeks after the violation was noted. For each ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle that is reinspected, the Division shall collect the fee prescribed in NAC 450B.700.

~~13.1~~ 5. The inspector shall give a copy of the report to the holder of the permit for the service inspected.

~~14.1~~ 6. If, upon reinspection, an inspector determines that a violation has not been corrected, the Division shall impose against the service an administrative penalty of ~~1~~

~~—(a) For a reinspection conducted on or after January 27, 2017, and before July 1, 2018, \$200;~~

~~—(b) For a reinspection conducted on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019, \$300; and~~

~~—(c) For a reinspection conducted on or after July 1, 2019, 1 \$500 1;~~

~~1~~ for each violation that has not been corrected.

Sec. 2. NAC 450B.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.720 1. The Division shall, within the limits of its appropriated money, conduct or contract with other persons to conduct the programs of training necessary to bring each service, including a volunteer service, and each attendant into compliance with the requirements of this chapter for training.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a person proposing to conduct a program within this state for training for certification issued under this chapter must apply to the Division

for approval at least 20 working days before the program is to begin. The Division shall not issue a certificate of completion of the program to any trainee unless the Division has approved the program. The person conducting the program shall not start the program until approval by the Division has been granted.

3. The Division shall not issue retroactive approval for a program which has been conducted without its approval.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, curriculum and procedures for testing submitted as part of a request for approval of a program must not be changed after approval has been granted for the program except upon prior written approval from the Division. The proposed change or modification, with an alternative acceptable to the Division, must be submitted in writing to the Division not less than 15 working days before the effective date of the use of the changed or modified curriculum or test.

5. The provisions of subsections 2 and 4 do not apply to a program of continuing education offered by a training center.

6. Conferences, online courses and continuing education that are approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education or the Division are deemed to qualify for use to satisfy the requirements of this chapter relating to training for the renewal of a license or certificate if the conference, online course or continuing education is appropriate to the license or certificate.

7. A person who conducts a program of training shall retain documentation of courses completed by students for at least 5 years after the date on which the course was completed.

8. A person must:

(a) Be certified as an emergency medical technician before receiving training for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician ~~f~~.

~~(b) Be certified as an advanced emergency medical technician before receiving training for certification as a~~ *or* paramedic.

~~f(e)~~ *(b)* Maintain the certification described in paragraph (a) ~~for (b), as applicable,~~ until the completion of training for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, as applicable.

9. A person who does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of subsection 8 on the first day of a program of training for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic is ineligible to be tested for certification upon completing the program of training.